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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY MORTON ON NOMINATION OF LYNN A. GREENWALT AS
DIRECTOR OF U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

President Nixon has nominated an outstanding career employee of the Department of the Interior, Lynn A. Greenwalt, to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, subject to Senate confirmation.

Lynn Greenwalt is well qualified, both by education and long experience. His father, Ernest, was a wildlife refuge manager for 34 years. Lynn began his Federal career with summer jobs at the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma from 1946 to 1952, while earning his bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Oklahoma. He later earned a master's degree in wildlife management from the University of Arizona.

He has worked at wildlife refuges throughout the West; supervised enforcement agents in the Service's Pacific region headquartered at Portland, Oregon; headed the Service's 30-million-acre, 342-unit refuge system nationwide; served as Assistant Director; and was our choice to become Director when a vacancy occurred last autumn.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A recent Act of Congress (Public Law 93-271, signed into law April 22, 1974) formally redesignated the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service effective July 1, 1974, and provided that its Director be a Presidential appointee subject to confirmation by the Senate. Previously, the Director had been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Act abolished the long-vacant position of Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Greenwalt has been serving as Director since last October.